

respectfully requested for the reasons set forth below.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention.

More specifically, the Examiner stated that the "screed extension" and the "main screed" were required elements of each of claim in the groups of claims 1-8, 10-15, 16-17 and 18-20. The Examiner therefore asserted that each of these claims should be amended to clearly indicate that the claims are directed to the combination of the main screed, the extension and the "flow modifying device". Further, the Examiner stated that claim 9 should be canceled as it does not further limit the claim from which it depends (i.e., independent claim 1).

In the present Amendment, independent claims 1, 10, 16 and 18 were each amended to recite that the present invention is directed to a "screed assembly" comprising a "main screed", a "screed extension" and a "flow modifying device", rather than to a flow modifying device for such a screed assembly. In addition,

the preamble of each of the dependent claims, claims 2-8, 11-15, 17 and 19-20, was amended to be consistent with the independent claim from which it depends. Furthermore, claim 9 was canceled.

As the amended claims are directed to a screed assembly including all of the claim elements that the Examiner indicated as being required, the indefiniteness noted by the Examiner is not present in claims 1-8 and 10-20 as amended. Therefore, Applicants' respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that claims 1-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. As discussed above, claims 1-8 and 10-20 were each amended to be more definite, such that the § 112, second paragraph rejection should be withdrawn. Applicants therefore believe that all claims remaining in the present application are now allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed

that all claims in the present case are now patentable.
Allowance of all pending claims is therefore respectfully
requested.

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